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## **HOLTON HOMES NAMED TOP GEMSTAR BUILDING BY IDAHO ENERGY DIVISION**

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Holton Homes of Nampa has been named Idaho's top GemStar Builder for 2001, the Idaho Energy Division announced today.

State Energy Division officials honored the company for building homes incorporating advanced techniques that ensure comfort, durability, safety and energy efficiency. GemStar is a special Energy Division home performance rating program which gives official, state certified ratings to new homes that meet exacting energy efficiency standards.

Holton Homes was cited for its dedication to high performance homes made possible through its special "GemStar Package" for new homes. The package includes home performance improvements such as additional wall and attic insulation, energy efficient windows, special sealed ductwork, high efficiency gas furnaces and other elements.

"GemStar-certified dwellings built by Holton Homes consistently bring families in our area the degree of outstanding energy conservation, comfort and performance the GemStar program is designed to achieve. We are pleased to honor the company," said Anne Brink, GemStar program manager with the Idaho Energy Division.

All GemStar certified homes must go through an intensive inspection and rating program by a GemStar home rater trained by the Idaho Energy Division. The inspection includes a "blower door test" in which air is forced into the structure to make sure there is minimal air leakage that could result in loss of heating or cooling.

More information on the GemStar program is available on the Internet at:

**[www.gemstarratings.com](http://www.gemstarratings.com)**. You can also contact Brink at the Idaho Energy Division (208) 327-7976.

